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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ranch Water North Open Space Well PFAS Treatment Facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Santa Margarita Water District, located at 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. The funding would be used for well head treatment to produce drinking water from a water source that is currently impaired due to PFAS and high salinity. The installation of the proposed facilities will result in being able to produce enough water to reliably produce 700 acre-feet per year to serve approximately 2,100 families with affordable, high-quality drinking water that is obtained from a local source, further reducing dependence on imported water. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it meets Safe Drinking Water Act standards by remediating contaminated drinking water wells, which will provide a disadvantaged community greater access to clean water and reduce dependence on imported water.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levin".

MIKE LEVIN
Member of Congress